

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the “Cross-Reference to Related Applications” on p. 1 of the specification as follows:

Cross-Reference to Related Applications

This is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/786,534, filed June 26, 2001 which issued on April 27, 2004 as U.S. Patent No. 6,727,095, which is ~~based on~~ the U.S. national stage filing of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP99/06522, filed October 17, 2000, claiming priority of German Application No. 198 40 964.8, filed September 8, 1998.